

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-180

First Reading Passage Requested

(B. Nelsen)

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3 SPONSORS Ms. Shapiro, Ms. McKenney & Council of the Whole

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5 DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMITTEE: Finance

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7 **A Resolution creating the County of Summit COVID-19 Local Government Payroll**  
8 **Support Grant Program and authorizing the County Executive to execute grant**  
9 **agreements with the political subdivisions in Summit County in an amount not to exceed**  
10 **\$35,000,000.00 for Round 1 of program funding, to be used to cover funding payroll**  
11 **expenses of public safety and public health qualifying positions deemed substantially**  
12 **dedicated to COVID-19 response within the political subdivision, and declaring such**  
13 **expenditure necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus**  
14 **Disease 2019 (COVID-19), for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

15 WHEREAS, the County received \$94.4 million from the Federal Government pursuant to  
16 Section 5001 of the Federal CARES Act for use in paying expenses of the County's response to  
17 the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

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19 WHEREAS, the U.S. Treasury Department ("Treasury") has issued guidance indicating  
20 that, for administrative convenience in utilizing these funds, public safety and public health  
21 employees are deemed to be substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-  
22 19 public health emergency; and

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24 WHEREAS, Treasury has further authorized recipients of such funds to share them with  
25 other local political subdivisions within its boundaries for the same purposes for which the  
26 recipient can use the funds; and

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28 WHEREAS, the County of Summit COVID-19 Local Government Payroll Support Grant  
29 Program (the "Program") is intended to provide local political subdivisions with funding to  
30 support COVID-19 response related activities being engaged in by public safety and public  
31 health employees of such political subdivisions; and

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33 WHEREAS, eligible expenses will include wage and benefit costs associated with public  
34 health and public safety employees, pursuant to the guidance issued by Treasury pursuant to  
35 Section 5001 of the Federal CARES Act for the period 3/1/2020 to 12/30/2020 and the program  
36 will include guidelines which must be followed by any participating political subdivision as well  
37 as a grant agreement and certification necessary pursuant to guidance issued by Treasury; and

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39 WHEREAS, funding for Round 1 of the program will provide funding to match the total  
40 CARES Act dollars which will be distributed to Summit County political subdivisions by the  
41 State of Ohio through Senate Bill 310, upon its enactment; and

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43 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
44 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to create the County of  
45 Summit COVID-19 Local Government Payroll Support Grant Program and to authorize the  
46 County Executive to execute the aforementioned grant agreements with political subdivisions  
47 within Summit County; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent  
5 information, creating the County of Summit COVID-19 Local Government Payroll Support  
6 Grant Program and the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000.00 for Round 1 of  
7 program funding is necessary due to the public health emergency created by the COVID-19  
8 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the provisions of section 5001 of the federal  
9 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

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11 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State  
12 of Ohio, that:

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14 SECTION 1

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16 This Council hereby creates the County of Summit COVID-19 Local Government  
17 Payroll Support Grant Program and authorizes the County Executive to execute grant agreements  
18 with political subdivisions within Summit County to provide them with funds to cover eligible  
19 expenses for public safety qualifying positions in accordance with guidelines attached hereto as  
20 Exhibit A, and in compliance with the provisions of section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid,  
21 Relief and Economic Security Act.

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23 SECTION 2

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25 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of an amount not to exceed  
26 \$35,000,000.00 under the aforementioned program is necessary due to the public health  
27 emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the  
28 provisions of section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

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30 SECTION 3

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32 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and  
33 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately  
34 authorize the County's financial assistance to Summit County political subdivisions who have  
35 been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic so that the same can maintain public safety  
36 and public health forces at a level necessary to effectively respond to the pandemic.

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38 SECTION 4

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40 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect  
41 immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise it shall take effect and be  
42 in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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44 SECTION 5

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46 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to  
47 the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
48 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in  
49 meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the  
50 Ohio Revised Code.

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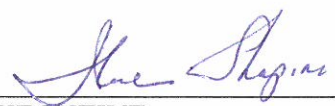


CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED June 16, 2020



EXECUTIVE

June 16, 2020

ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote YES: 11-0 Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler, McKenney, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite